

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-5 and 7-32 and 48-62 stand in the present application, claims 1, 3, 7, 10 and 20-21 having been amended, and new claims 48-62 having been added. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 26-31 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 10-13, but respectfully submit that in view of the above amendments and the following remarks that all of the claims now standing in the application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5, 7- 9, 14, 16, 18, 20, 24, 25 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Mueller et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,717,353); and has rejected claims 4, 15, 17, 19 and 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mueller et al. In view of the above-described claim amendments, the Examiner's §§ 102 and 103 rejections of the claims are believed to have been overcome, as will be explained in greater detail below.

As noted above, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to remove Strontium (SR) from the group II elements. Since the cited art requires Strontium in all of its formulations, it cannot anticipate or render obvious amended claim 1 and its respective dependent claims. Accordingly, claim 1 and its respective dependent claims are believed to patentably define over the cited reference. In addition, the dependency of claim 7 has been corrected.

Also as noted above, Applicants have rewritten dependent claim 10 in independent form in order to place this claim and its respective dependent claims in


condition for allowance in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in these claims at page 2 of the final Office Action. Finally, newly added dependent claims 48-62 correspond to dependent claims 2-7, 14-20 and 23-25 but depend from allowable independent claim 10. Accordingly, all of these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all of claims 1-5, 7-32 and 48-62, standing in the application, be allowed and that the case be passed to issue. If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a supplemental response or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone exchange indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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